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The Honorable William J. Casey
 Director of Central Intelligence
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 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Fulfillment of the Committee's request for intelligence reports relating to International Atomic Energy Agency nuclear safeguards effectiveness has been under discussion between our respective staffs since your April 10, 1982, letter of response. Those discussions have established that twenty-five documents are involved, but no satisfactory agreement has been reached on Congressional access. Resolution of this situation without further delay is essential to meet Congress' legislative needs, and we therefore raise this matter directly with you again in hope of such a resolution.

Agency officials have in recent days informed our staffs that of the twenty-five documents specified by NRC Chairman Palladino as having been used in reaching the NRC's current view on the adequacy of international nuclear safeguards, the Agency is willing to provide only three to Members of Congress. The remaining twenty-two documents are said to consist of "station reports" which could reveal intelligence "sources or methods."

We must reject this proposed solution for three reasons: (1) that these same reports were made available to NRC commissioners and their staffs, (2) that the Members of Congress and staff requiring access to these documents are fully cleared for access to such reports, and (3) that such a limited response does not meet the Congressional need for materials essential to evaluating the adequacy of current international nuclear safeguards.

With those considerations in mind, we repeat the urgent request made initially on March 9, 1982, that the Agency promptly supply these documents, along with Chairman Palladino's letter listing them, for Congressional review.

The Honorable William J. Casey

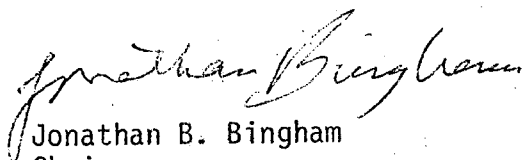
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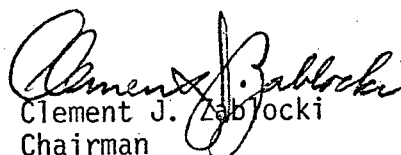
In this regard, we suggest following the procedures used in providing intelligence information to the NRC commissioners. Specifically, the Agency would provide documents and accompanying briefings to interested Congressmen and their staffs on an individual basis. Station reports would be read on the spot and afterward returned to the Agency by the briefing officer.

We look forward to your early concurrence to this request.

Sincerely,



Jonathan B. Bingham
Chairman
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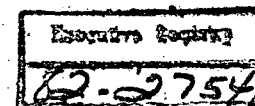


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Honorable Jonathan B. Bingham
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 23 March 1982 in which you requested information pertaining to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards. This Agency is always ready to cooperate fully with the Congress on this or any other matter. In that regard, I have asked our technical experts to prepare a comprehensive response to your inquiry as quickly as possible.

Strict adherence to information management procedures requiring originating agencies to control the release of classified information (commonly referred to as the "third agency rule") is essential if intelligence sources and methods are to be protected from unauthorized disclosure. It is not the policy of the intelligence community to withhold classified information from cleared persons with a legitimate need to know, but it is my responsibility to insure that such information is passed only through secure channels. I sincerely hope that you will not view any inconvenience that this may cause as unduly burdensome, considering what is at stake.

I have asked the Office of General Counsel to coordinate the Agency's substantive response to you. Your staff will be contacted in order to make appropriate arrangements. If this Agency can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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